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The information disclosure statements (IDS) submitted on June 3, 2003 and June 27, 2003 were in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner. Copies of the signed 1449 forms are attached.

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
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


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	Invitrogen Corporation's Answer to Complaint for Patent Infringement and Counterclaim
	Stratagene's Answer to Invitrogen Corporation's Counter Claim
	Expert Opinion of Thomas G. Wiseman, Esq.
N	Expert Witness Report of John F. Witherspoon

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